

November 2021



## NOTES FROM OUR DPW

**Leaves** – Leaves are to be raked to the edge of the grass in the street and left in open piles. Leaf pick up will start once the leaves really start accumulating on the ground, and will end around **November 30, 2021**, weather permitting.

**Brush**–As a reminder **BRUSH** is to be placed at the curb with the **butt end toward the street** and stacked no more than 4 feet high. **Please DO NOT** place roots, stumps, vines or rose bushes out for chipping.

Under **NO** circumstances should yard waste be thrown into the street or ditches. This can cause ditch or storm drain blockage which in turn can cause flooding.

**PLEASE REMOVE ANY PORTABLE BASKETBALL NETS** from the streets. Snow plows **WILL** hit and damage them, and the Village will not be responsible for the damage. You could be held responsible for damage to the snow plow, too!

**LASTLY**, Coordinator Bobbitt would like to **REMIND EVERYONE NOT** to flush feminine hygiene products and “flushable” wipes. It has become a **MAJOR** problem within the Village. This causes sewer mainlines to back up so **PLEASE** be considerate of your neighbors and the Village. Thank you for your cooperation!

# VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

## FALL NEWSLETTER

**PLEASE READ FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The Middleport Police Department will be enforcing the Village's overnight parking ban from Sunday, November 7, 2021, through and including Sunday, April 3, 2022. Parking is prohibited on Village streets from 3 am to 6 am during that time period to facilitate snow removal by the Public Works Department.

### *From the Mayor's desk*

*The Village has almost completed the first year of adjusting to the cart-based garbage collection with Modern. I would like to thank all of the residents for making this transition as seamless as possible. I realize change is never easy for any of us so thank you.*

*The Village did launch its new website in August of this year. The Village website now features the Village Hall along with other historic pictures which you will find at [www.villageofmiddleport.org](http://www.villageofmiddleport.org). I encourage everyone to please check it out.*

*I need to reiterate what Coordinator Bobbitt has mentioned numerous times. **PLEASE DO NOT** flush feminine hygiene products and “flushable” wipes. These should be disposed of in the garbage because they both cause sewer mainlines to back up, and could flood your basement as well as your neighbors. Our DPW is a very small department and the time that they are spending on sewer calls has significantly increased. This takes them away from many other areas of the Village that need their attention as well. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mayor Westcott*

*From the Historian...*

*If you have photos of local people, places, yearbooks, or any kind of Village memorabilia, please consider donating to our Village Historian Christa Lutz. She's also looking for photos to scan so you can keep the originals. Mrs. Lutz is at the Village Hall Tuesday & Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm.*

**ATTENTION VILLAGE RESIDENTS** - Please make sure you are on the Village of Middleport's website if you are paying your water/sewer bill by credit card. The Village of Middleport is only affiliated with Allpaid Inc. through [www.govpaynow.com](http://www.govpaynow.com). You can access the new website at [www.villageofmiddleport.org](http://www.villageofmiddleport.org). On the homepage, which is the front of the Village Hall, you will find on the righthand side of the page a tab for "Pay water & sewer online." This will take you directly to [www.govpaynow.com](http://www.govpaynow.com). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Clerk's office at 716-735-3303. **Thank you!**

#### MORE INFORMATION FROM THE DPW

We are still in the process of upgrading our water meters, and *we need your help*. Please contact the Village Clerk's office at 716-735-3303 to schedule an appointment (if you have not done so already) to have your meter replaced. It only takes a few minutes to change out the old meter for the new meter which has a battery life of 20 years.

The Village Clerk's office would also like to update their contact information for all residents. The new software can detect leaks within your home so we want to alert you as soon as possible rather than *only* being notified when we do the quarterly readings.

*Thank you!*

#### INFORMATION FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

##### **Middleport Code 97-4: A Building Permits Required**

Installation of a solid-fuel-burning heating appliance, chimney, or flue in any dwelling unit.

**NO Person shall commence any work for which a Building Permit is required without first having obtained a Building Permit from the Code Enforcement Officer.**

**NYSDEC:** Open burning is permitted for small recreational fires including small cooking and campfires. Burning of waste products or garbage is *prohibited*, including newspaper, paper products, plastic, chemically treated wood (pressure treated) and plywood.

**Complaints call NYSDEC @ 1-877-457-5680 (24 hours)**

**Premise Identification:** New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification plainly legible and visible from the street. Numbers shall be a *minimum* of 4 inches.

**Fire Code of NYS §507.5.5:** A 3 foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants. Please keep snow and other obstructions away from hydrants.

*The Hometown Hero program is continuing for 2022. Due to the overwhelming requests after the second year, our Historian, Christa Lutz, is taking orders for the banners between November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>. Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from [www.villageofmiddleport.org](http://www.villageofmiddleport.org) or they can be picked up at the Village Hall, 24 Main St. Completed applications should be mailed to Christa Lutz, 24 Main St., Middleport, NY 14105 or emailed to [MdptHometownHeroes@gmail.com](mailto:MdptHometownHeroes@gmail.com).*

#### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Richard Westcott: [mayorwestcott@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:mayorwestcott@villageofmiddleport.org)  
Deputy Mayor Tom Conley: [trusteeconley@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:trusteeconley@villageofmiddleport.org)  
Trustee Wayne Blumrick: [trusteeblumrick@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:trusteeblumrick@villageofmiddleport.org)  
Trustee Dennis McAvoy: [trusteemcavoy@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:trusteemcavoy@villageofmiddleport.org)  
Trustee Dottie Barr: [trusteebarr@villageofmiddleport.org](mailto:trusteebarr@villageofmiddleport.org)

*If you do not use email, call or send a letter to the Village Hall*

*Village Hall: (716) 735-3303*

*24 Main St*

*PO Box 186*

*Middleport NY 14105*